



To Secretaries of Local Districts

Dear Colleague,

National Officer Elections 2022

I am writing to ask you to consider nominating me, *Annette Pryce*, for election to the post of Vice President in the forthcoming National Officer Elections.

I am a full-time classroom teacher and middle leader in Oxfordshire and was a member of the National Executive of the NUT and the NEU for 8 years as well as the previous Secretary of Buckinghamshire NUT/NEU for more than a decade.

EXPERIENCE AND VALUES

During my time on the Executive as an equality seat holder, I worked hard to represent the best interests of all members, helping to shape policy affecting members across England and Wales; worked hard to ensure that members are engaged with their local districts bringing them into local activity and contributing positively to the Union and more specifically with marginalised groups. I am firmly committed to **inclusivity and good governance in the Union**.

I had served in several senior roles on the Executive including as the vice-chair of the legacy NUT's **Organising & Membership Committee**. As a secretary in Buckinghamshire, I negotiated **on behalf of the county joint union group with new trusts and secured** an academies facilities agreement. I led several **successful disputes** over performance related pay and working conditions in academies.

I believe our union is a **force for change**, with social justice at its centre. I want to be the President of the Union because I share the values we all do, that we are a union that **puts members first**, it **defends children and their right to live without poverty**, it's a union that **promotes equality and it holds democracy** as the compass for all its activities; however we can't ignore the fact that the world has changed and the COVID pandemic has required this union to be that force for **the health and safety of members and our students, and a voice for those without one** in the harshest limelight of societal fear and fury.

The union has sought to, alongside others, **close the gap in educational attainment** in demanding an end to the broken exam system. As a secondary school middle leader in a severely deprived area, I've felt that all too keenly in the last year. And for our local officers and secretaries there is always more to do to support their, often unseen, efforts to defend our members who need even more help now; long COVID is a very real issue for many and workload for our caseworkers is the highest it has ever been. A hostile government and international struggles that affect us all in some way that **we can't not respond to**, because they affect our students and their everyday experiences and conversations.

What is now necessary more than ever is a union that holds fast to its principles and demonstrates **compassionate leadership**.

If elected that is the kind of VP and President I will be, one with **integrity**; never turning away from a difficult fight, showing solidarity with those that need it, not standing back from hard decisions where necessary and leading the executive, conference; and being an ambassador for the union that leads with **fairness** and compassion.

Everything has changed; but my commitment to humanity, democracy, and social justice; to members and their representatives, their working lives and their rights at work hasn't.

I will be my own person, but I will be your champion. I hope you can support me.

ANNETTE PRYCE BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

SCHOOL BASED ACTIVIST

- **An experienced full time secondary school teacher** and middle leader for **22 years**.
- Advocate both locally and nationally for
 - Safety first, for our members and our students during this pandemic.
 - An end to funding cuts, declining pay, excessive workload, and to bring an end to Ofsted
 - An end to selection and am committed to this system ending useless Early years and primary testing.
 - Better recognition of the important role vocational education plays with disadvantaged students.
 - An end to the exam factory in secondaries.
 - Inclusive RSE.

UNION LEADERSHIP

- Previously district secretary in Buckinghamshire for **13 years, leading a team of committed officers and activists**.
- Local officer in Leicester (previously) (Health and Safety) and currently Oxfordshire (President, Equality)
- National Executive Equality seat holder for **8 years** (Vice chair of equalities and organising committees), as well as a member of the joint executive council and TUC Equality committee.
- School rep in my current school in Oxfordshire.
- Led school-based disputes to successful conclusion and supported national disputes, marches, and rallies.
- Campaigned fiercely for the rights and the voices of minority members within the union to be recognised and protected.
- Supported members, locally, nationally, engaged with district officers who needed support, engaged with constituents, and represented their interests and needs, and showed solidarity with campaigns and causes from women's rights issues such as pro-choice issues in Ireland to solidarity with LGBT+ communities in Orlando, from district's disputes in England and Wales to human rights internationally.
- Supported pride events across the country and engaged a diverse membership to fulfil their ideals of what an advanced and forward-looking union should be by helping to raise the profile of underrepresented groups to their highest level.

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

- Supported the engagement of the local Parents Associations, and pressure groups in stakeholder discussions and advocacy around selective education testing in Buckinghamshire.
- Supported and helped with rallies against the EDL in my local community alongside Unite Against Fascism.
- Contributed to a national video social justice campaign which helped change same sex marriage equality laws.
- Currently a community Pride organiser in my local community raising money for youth LGBT+ charities.

Please invite me to your nomination meetings to talk to members. It will have to be via Zoom, as I'm a full-time teacher, but I will endeavour to be there. Please email me on the email address above.

Please nominate me if you believe in what I stand for. If you decide to support me, please consider spending a contribution towards the cost of my campaign by sending out locally mailings to your members according to union election rules.

- **1 November 2021** - **Nominations open (earliest to send them to Hamilton House)**
- **15 December 2021** - **Close of Nominations**

Yours sincerely,



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